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SUBJECT: MTN: SECRETARIAT NOTE ON STATUS OF BINDINGS

1. NOTE PREPARED AT REQUEST US DELEGATION BY GATT
SECRETARIAT DURING TARIFFS GROUP MEETING MARCH 21 ON STATUS
OF TARIFF BINDINGS, FOR BTN CHAPTERS 1-99 IS QUOTED BELOW. AFTER
SAME CALCULATIONS WERE MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN WASHINGTON
(COMMERCE) FOR BIG FOUR, DISCREPANCIES WERE OBSERVED
BETWEEN US AND SECRETARIAT FIGURES FOR EC. AFTER CHECKING
WITH SECRETARIAT WE HAVE CONFIRMED THEIR CALCULATIONS FOR EC
ARE INCORRECT AND SECRETARIAT WILL ISSUE CORRIGENDUM
SHORTLY. EC PERCENTAGE TARIFF LINES BOUND SHOULD BE 84
AND 85 PERCENT RATHER THAN 91 AND 92 PERCENT. SECRETARIAT
IS RECALCULATING PERCENTAGE MFN IMPORTS TO REFLECT THESE
CORRECTIONS (US CALCULATIONS SHOW 86 AND 90 PERCENT MFN
IMPORTS BOUND RATHER THAN 94 AND 97 PERCENT). WE WILL
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CABLE CORRIGENDUM AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

2. TEXT OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE FIGURES BELOW SHOW THE PROPORTION OF
 TARIFF LINES BOUND UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT AND THE
 SHARE OF M.F.N. IMPORTS UNDER THE BOUND LINES. THE
 FIGURES REFER TO THE WHOLE CUSTOMS TARIFF (BTN CHAPTERS 1-99).
 THE CALCULATIONS ARE BASED ON THE TARIFF STUDY
 FILES AND GENERALLY REFER TO TARIFFS IN FORCE AS OF 1
 JANUARY 1973 AND IMPORTS IN 1971. THE RESULTS ARE SHOWN
 IN RANGES, THE LOWER FIGURE EXCLUDING, THE HIGHER FIGURE
 INCLUDING PARTIAL BINDINGS. BOUND ITEMS SUBJECT TO
 ADDITIONAL CHARGES OR LEVIES ARE INCLUDED. THE
 IMPORT SHARE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES IS BASED ON
 PROVISIONAL STATISTICS AND THEREFORE SUBJECT TO REVISION.
 CALCULATIONS FOR CANADA WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY FROM
 NATIONAL CUSTOMS TARIFF AT A LATER STAGE.

	PERCENTAGE SHARE OF TARIFF LINES	M.F.N. IMPORTS
AUSTRALIA	11-14	14-26
AUSTRIA	80-83	80-87
EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES	91-92	94-97
FINLAND	85-88	92-94
JAPAN	84-85	58-59
NEW ZEALAND	28-29	47-50
NORWAY	77-79	59-60
SWEDEN	90-92	95-96
SWITZERLAND	91-92	74-76
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